

BURTLE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Burtle Parish Council was held on Wednesday 4th July 2018 at 7.30pm in Burtle Village Hall.

34 PRESENT

Councillor R Dallimore (chairman)
Councillor A Duval (vice chairman)
Councillor S Bull
Councillor N Ponsillo
District Councillor Stuart Kingham

35 APOLOGIES

Councillor J Porter
County Councillor David Huxtable

36 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

37 DISPENSATIONS

None were sought

38 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2018 were agreed and signed as correct.

39 MATTERS ARISING

Highways – The two sink holes in Edington Road, potholes at Robins Lane near to Gear Change and edge potholes in Mark Road opposite Lilac Farm and by the Sandpit have been repaired. Some of the barbed wire at Godwin's site has been removed but some the posts have been bent over and barbed wire remains in some places. To keep under review.

Drainage – nothing to report

Catcott Broad Drove – Photograph of the electric wire across the road from the horse box to Honeysuckle Villa has been sent to Highways. Enforcement Officer has advised that owners of the caravan at Honeysuckle Villa have until August 2018 to remove it from the site.

Bus Shelter – resurfacing of the area in front of the shelter is still ongoing.

Sign on Sandpit and Finger Posts – both items ongoing

SIDs – Email received from Data & Road Services Manager, SCC advising that details of scheme are still being finalized and confirming that Burtle's interest in the scheme has been noted.

Defibrillator – Options from other sources for replacement in December still being researched.

Postbox at Burtle Inn – Little response from Burtle residents. Cllr N Ponsillo has suggested that it would be safer to resite it on the verge outside of his property as it is wider and a little further from the dangerous bend at the Burtle Inn. Clerk has sent this suggestion to Royal Mail.

Speedwatch Signs – Traffic Engineer is still not at work and no one else available to help because of cutbacks. Police have confirmed that they are happy with the proposed signs. Speedwatch Coordinator has asked if signs have been ordered. Clerk asked to let hm know current situation and to thank him for details of Speedwatch activity and to let him know that they would like to continue to receive them.

40 PLANNING

Applications – none notified.

Decisions – none notified

41 FINANCE

There were no invoices for payment

Grant application from Friends of Burtle Church The matter was raised at the Parishes Cluster meeting on 26th June but all parishes seem equally confused and looking for clarification. Sedgemoor solicitor has suggested that clarification could be sought from the external auditors.

42 NOISE AND INCREASE IN HGV TRAFFIC FROM PEAT WORKS

Some information received following Freedom of Information request to Mendip for minutes of meetings with South West Wood Products (SWWP). There are no minutes but a copy of detailed letter from SWWP agent has been received and this sets out some of the reasons why they believe that the current use of the site is lawful. One of the main reasons is that they believe there has been a factory on the site since pre-1951 and because of this they can continue with the current activities. Mendip are still awaiting a formal application for a Certificate of Lawful Existing Use (CLEUD). This will give them an opportunity to review the situation and respond although the public consultation and other requirements associated with a planning application will not apply. Clerk to keep under review for receipt of CLEUD or other information.

43 DEMOLITION AT BURTLE INN

Councillors are extremely disappointed that despite all their efforts to have the once attractive building restored on this prominent corner all the oldest section of the building has been demolished without permission. There have been protracted negotiations over many months to try to ensure that the site was developed in a sympathetic way. There were many versions of the plans for the site and councillors believed that the ones passed in October 2017 would protect the look of the building given the number of conditions applied to the consent by Sedgemoor Planning Officers and were the best outcome for the village.

Both the Senior Planning Officer and the Enforcement Officer at Sedgemoor are aware of the current situation at the Burtle Inn and that work is continuing six days per week. One of the conditions of the planning consent was that nothing was to be demolished and the view of the Planning Officer is that by carrying out the demolition the developers have invalidated the consent. The Enforcement Officer has notified them that all work must stop as they no longer have any planning permission on the site and that they need to apply for planning permission for the whole site to be able to continue but it appears that the developers have chosen to ignore this advice. The new application for the whole site is still awaited and will need to go through the normal consultation process. Councillors believe that if any of the work being carried out at present is not given consent in the new application the work will have to be rectified to comply with the new consent.

44 CORRESPONDENCE

Notes from Cluster meeting 26.6.18 have been circulated

Letter from Sedgemoor advising that they can supply legal services at preferential rates for Parish Councils

45 ITEMS OF INTEREST

No items were raised

46 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st August 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

47 ACTIONS FROM MEETING

Action	Assigned to	To be actioned by	Actions Taken
Write to Mendip Planning officer to ask if CLEUD has been made or action taken	Clerk	August 2018	
Continue to pursue reply from Traffic engineer re Speedwatch signs	Clerk	August 2018	
Continue to pursue clarification re Grants to Churches	Clerk	August 2018	
Research new signs for Sandpit c/f from February	Cllrs and District Cllr	August 2018	
Research Defib options	Cllrs /Clerk	August 2018	
Keep outstanding Highways matters - barbed wire and water over road at Robins Lane under review	Clerk	August 2018	

Signed.....Date.....